

CLAIMS

What we claim is:

- 1 1. A method of monitoring activities performed at a cable television tap, the
2 method comprising the steps of:
 - 3 determining whether technician data is read;
 - 4 storing the technician data in association with an access time and an access
 - 5 date upon determining that the technician data is read; and
 - 6 providing data to a remote location;
 - 7 associating the data with the cable television tap.
- 1 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising: generating a sensor
2 signal.
- 1 3. The method according to claim 2, further comprising storing the access time
2 and the access date in response to the sensor signal.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1, further comprising: determining whether a
2 port status has been modified.

- 1 5. The method according to claim 4, further comprising storing the modified
 - 2 port status in association with the access time and access date upon determining that
 - 3 the port status has been modified.
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- 1 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided at a
 - 2 predetermined time interval.
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- 1 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the data is provided upon request.
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- 1 8. The method according to claim 1, further comprising: receiving the data at a
 - 2 computer at the remote location.
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- 1 9. The method according to claim 1, further comprising generating a report base in part
 - 2 on the provided data.
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- 1 10. The method according to claim 1, further comprising reading technician data.
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- 1 11. The method according to claim 1, further comprising providing port status data.

1 12. A system for monitoring activities performed at a cable television tap, the system
2 comprising the steps of:
3 a controller operable to determine whether technician data is read;
4 a memory, coupled to controller, operable to store the technician data in
5 association with an access time and an access date upon a determination that the
6 technician data is read;
7 a communication medium, coupled to controller, operable to provide data to
8 a remote location; and
9 the controller operable to associate the data with the cable television tap.

1 13. The system according to claim 12, further comprising: a sensor, coupled to the
2 controller, operable to generate a sensor.

1 14. The system according to claim 13, further comprising the memory operable to store
2 the access time and the access date.

1 15. The system according to claim 12, further comprising: the controller operable to
2 determine whether a port status has been modified.

1 16. The system according to claim 6, further comprising the memory operable to store the
2 modified port status in association with the access time and access date upon a
3 determination that the port status has been modified.

1 17. The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided at a predetermined time
2 interval.

1 18. The system according to claim 12, wherein the data is provided upon request.

19. The system according to claim 12, further comprising: a computer, coupled to the
communication medium, operable to receive the data.

1 20. The system according to claim 12, further comprising the computer operable to
2 generate a report base in part on the provided data.

1 21. The system according to claim 12, further comprising a reader, coupled to the
2 controller, operable to read technician data.

22. The system according to claim 12, further comprising tap circuitry, coupled to the
controller, operable to providing port status data.